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APPLICANTS: Rosén *et al.* **ART UNIT:** 1651
SERIAL NO.: 10/050,441 **EXAMINER:** Ralph J. Gitomer
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TITLE: IN VITRO METHODS FOR SCREENING FOR BLOOD
COAGULATION DISORDERS USING METAL IONS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Prior to continued examination, please enter this Preliminary Amendment and Response and consider the accompanying remarks in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 8, 2003, for the above-identified patent application. Applicants also submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer and a Request for Continued Examination, as well as the requisite fees therefor. Applicants request a three month extension of time, up to and including November 10, 2003, and enclose the requisite petition and fee. Applicants believe that no further fees are required with this submission. However, should additional fees be required, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 20-0531, as necessary.

The following remarks are made in response to the Final Office Action dated May 8, 2003. Initially, Applicants would like to thank Examiner Gitomer for his helpful telephone interviews with Applicants' attorneys on November 4, 2003, October 17, 2003, and June 10, 2003, during which Applicants' attorneys discussed responding to the Final Office Action.

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